

REMARKS

Claims 1, 23, 29-32 and 42-58 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 21, 25-26, 33, 37-38 and 41 have been amended. Claims 2-22, 24-28 and 33-41 remain in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 6, 25, 26 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 48 has been cancelled and the remaining claims have been amended to clarify the invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

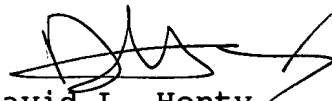
The Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 8, 14-20, 24, 33-37 and 45 would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form. These claims have been so amended and it is respectfully submitted that they are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner further indicated that claims 26, 27 and 28 would also be in condition for allowance if the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection were overcome. Since these claims have been amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection, it is respectfully submitted that they are also in condition for allowance. All remaining claims have been amended to depend from allowed claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

As an additional matter, an Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith in conjunction with PTO Form 1449. It is respectfully submitted that these citations in no way impact on the

allowability of the claims remaining in this case. Nonetheless it is respectfully requested that they be considered and made of record.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

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